

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
v.) Criminal No. 15-10395-GAO
DARNELL UPSHAW,)
Defendant.)

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

O'TOOLE, D.J.

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2015, a federal grand jury sitting in the District of Massachusetts returned a one-count Indictment charging defendant Darnell Upshaw (the “Defendant”) with being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) (Count One);

WHEREAS, the Indictment also contained a forfeiture allegation, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), which provided notice that the United States would seek upon conviction of the Defendant of the offense alleged in Count One of the Indictment, of any firearm or ammunition involved in the commission of the offense, and such property specifically included, without limitation:

- (a) Davis Industries Model P-380 caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number AP288474; and
 - (b) 4 rounds of .32 caliber ammunition

(collectively, the “Gun and Ammunition”);

WHEREAS, the Indictment further provided that, if any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission by the Defendant, (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;

(c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty, the United States is entitled to seek forfeiture of any other property of the Defendant, up to the value of such assets, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), incorporating 21 U.S.C. § 853(p);

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2016, at a hearing pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Defendant pled guilty to Count One of the Indictment, pursuant to a written plea agreement that he signed on May 10, 2016;

WHEREAS, in Section 8 of the plea agreement, the Defendant admitted that the Gun and Ammunition are subject to forfeiture because they constitute any firearm or ammunition involved in the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, in light of the Defendant's guilty plea and admissions in the plea agreement, the United States has established the requisite nexus between the Gun and Ammunition and the offenses to which the Defendant pled guilty, and accordingly, the Gun and Ammunition are subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d), 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and Rule 32.2(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States is now entitled to a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture against the Gun and Ammunition.

ACCORDINGLY, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. The Court finds, pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(1) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, that the United States has established the requisite nexus between the Gun and Ammunition and the offense to which the Defendant pled guilty.

2. The Court shall retain jurisdiction in this case for the purpose of enforcing this

Order.

3. Accordingly, all of the Defendant's interests in the Gun and Ammunition are hereby forfeited to the United States of America for disposition pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

4. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States is hereby authorized to seize the Gun and Ammunition and maintain them in its secure custody and control.

3. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the United States shall publish, for thirty (30) consecutive calendar days on the government forfeiture website www.forfeiture.gov, notice of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and notice of the United States' intent to dispose of the Gun and Ammunition.

4. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the United States shall give, to the extent practicable, direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the Gun and Ammunition to be forfeited.

5. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2) and (3), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the notice referred to above shall state: (a) that any person, other than the Defendant, asserting a legal interest in the Gun and Ammunition, shall, within sixty (60) days after the first day of publication on the government forfeiture website or within thirty (30) days after receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier, file a petition with the United States District Court in Boston, Massachusetts, requesting a hearing to adjudicate the validity of his or her interest in the Gun and Ammunition; and (b) that the petition shall be signed by the petitioner under the penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the Gun and Ammunition, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title, or

interest in the Gun and Ammunition, any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim, and the relief sought.

6. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(7), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), following the Court's disposition of all petitions filed under 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(6), or if no such petitions are filed following the expiration of the period provided in 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2) for the filing of such petitions, the United States of America shall have clear title to the Gun and Ammunition.

7. Upon adjudication of all third party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d), 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and Rule 32.2(c) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, in which all interests will be addressed.

8. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture will become final as to the Defendant at the time of his sentencing, will be part of the Defendant's criminal sentence, and will be included in the criminal judgment entered by this Court against him.



GEORGE A. O'TOOLE, JR.
United States District Judge

Dated: 7/21/16